



**I-SHOU UNIVERSITY**  
**Admission Guidelines**  
**2019**  
**School of Medicine for**  
**International Students**

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## Application Timetable

Item	Date
Application period	January 1 ~ March 15, 2019
Written exam	April 19, 2019
Interview	April 24 ~ 25, 2019
A list of accepted applicants released online and a notification sent to all applicants via email	June 1, 2019
Check-in deadline for accepted applicants	June 10, 2019
Check-in deadline for waitlisted applicants	June 18, 2019
Airport pick-up and orientation	Early September 2019
First day of school	Mid-September 2019

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## **I. Legal Basis**

The recruitment and admission to the School of Medicine for International Students are conducted under the MOE Program of Assisting Countries with Diplomatic Relations in Cultivating Medical Talents, and pursuant to the *MOE Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan* (see Annex 1), the *MOE Regulations Governing the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic Records by Institutions of Higher Education* (see Annex 2), the *Regulations for International Student Admissions at I-Shou University*, the *Academic Rules of I-Shou University*, and other applicable laws and regulations.

## **II. Admission Quota and Requirements**

1. Priority will be given to applicants from countries having diplomatic relations with Taiwan (R.O.C.) and recommended by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, R.O.C. This Program is intended to recruit a total of 40 students.
2. Recruitment priority: Applicants from countries having diplomatic relations with Taiwan will be given priority.

## **III. Prescribed Duration of Study**

Four academic years (a total of 8 semesters), excluding internships.

Students must return to their home countries after graduation, and they are not allowed to take the medical licensing examination or to conduct medical practice in Taiwan.

## **IV. Qualifications for Application**

1. Applicants who have a bachelor's degree or above conferred by a local or foreign university recognized by the R.O.C. Ministry of Education may apply for admission; those who have studied at the School of Medicine, Dentistry or Chinese Medicine for four years or more may apply with credentials of an equivalent education level. The original diploma (or academic credentials) verified by the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission must be submitted upon registration and enrollment (if the diploma (or academic credentials) is in a language other than Chinese or English, a Chinese or English translation verified by the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission or a registered translation agency is required); otherwise, an applicant will be considered disqualified and denied admission.
2. Pursuant to Paragraph 1 of Article 2 in the *MOE Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan*, applicants who have a foreign nationality, have never had the nationality of the Republic of China\* ("R.O.C."), and do not have an overseas Chinese student status at the time of application may apply for admission.
3. Any matter not mentioned herein should be subject to the MOE Program of

Assisting Countries with Diplomatic Relations in Cultivating Medical Talents, the *MOE Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan*, and the *MOE Regulations Governing the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic Records by Institutions of Higher Education*.

4. **This Program is open only to applicants who have never obtained a physician license.**

**\* Note:**

Pursuant to Article 2 of the R.O.C. Nationality Act, a person should have the nationality of the Republic of China under any of the conditions provided by the following subparagraphs:

1. His/her father or mother was a national of the Republic of China when he/she was born.
2. He/she was born after the death of his/her father or mother, and his/her father or mother was a national of the Republic of China at the time of death.
3. He/she was born in the territory of the Republic of China, and his/her parents cannot be ascertained or both were stateless persons.
4. He/she has undergone the nationalization process.

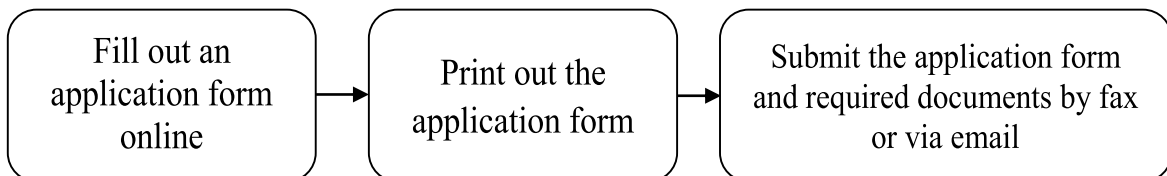
## V. When and How to Apply

1. No application fee is required for applying for admission to this Program.

2. **Application Documents**

- (1) An application must be completed not later than March 15, 2019.

Please fill out an application form online (<https://enroll.isu.edu.tw/DP>) and print it out. **The application form and required documents must be submitted to ISU by the aforesaid deadline.**



- (2) **Applicants may submit the application packet through either of the following methods:**

a. By fax: +886-7-6155910 or +886-7-6577478

b. Via email: [smis@isu.edu.tw](mailto:smis@isu.edu.tw)

3. **TaiwanICDF Scholarship**

- (1) Only applications submitted on the following website will be considered: [http://web.icdf.org.tw/ICDF\\_TSP/WelcomeStart.aspx](http://web.icdf.org.tw/ICDF_TSP/WelcomeStart.aspx).

- (2) Those who want to apply for the TaiwanICDF Scholarship must complete the online application form first, and then print out and submit it to the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission **on their own**.

4. Notes:

- (1) **The application process will not be considered completed until an applicant has completed both an application for admission to this Program and an application for the TaiwanICDF Scholarship.**

- (2) Late applications, unqualified applications or incomplete submission of documents will not be considered by ISU.
- (3) Please keep an extra copy of all documents submitted for application as ISU will not return the originals to applicants.

## VI. Exam Subjects and Required Documents

<b>Exam Subjects / Percentage</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Document Review (40%) Interview (40%) Written Exam (20%)</p>				
<b>Application Documents</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A completed application form in print (including a signed affidavit)</li> <li>2. A photocopy of the applicant's passport</li> <li>3. A diploma of bachelor's degree or above, or the proof of an education level equivalent to studies at the School of Medicine, Dentistry or Chinese Medicine for four years or more, as well as an academic transcript * The original diploma (or academic credentials) verified by the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission must be submitted. If the diploma (or academic credentials) is in a language other than Chinese or English, a Chinese or English translation verified by the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission or a registered translation agency is required.</li> <li>4. The proof of having earned at least 6 course credits on biology, chemistry or life sciences (A bachelor's degree in life sciences is a plus.)</li> <li>5. A certificate of English proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS or other English proficiency tests recognized globally or by the local government and taken within the most recent 2 years)</li> <li>6. An English autobiography</li> <li>7. Three recommendation letters</li> <li>8. Other supporting documents:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The medical school admission exam result (MCAT, BMAT or GAMSAT) within the most recent 3 years</li> <li>(2) Practical experience in health care and laboratories</li> <li>(3) Experience in volunteer service</li> </ol> </li> </ol>				
<b>Subjects of the Written Exam</b>	English, Biology, and Chemistry				
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<b>Note</b>	This Program is NOT a master's degree program, and therefore, only a degree of Doctor of Medicine in English will be conferred upon students who have successfully completed all requirements for graduation.
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## **VII. Exam Dates**

1. The subjects for the written exam are English, biology, and chemistry. The written exam is scheduled for April 19, 2019, and applicants please pay close attention to the latest information released by the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission.
2. The interview is scheduled for April 24 ~ 25, 2019. Please contact the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission or refer to the information released by ISU regarding the exact time of the interview.

## **VIII. Acceptance Criteria**

1. ISU's Admissions Committee has the right to decide the minimum acceptance criteria.
2. Applicants will be declared admitted in descending order of their grades, in the limit of the approved number as specified herein. Those who have received a grade higher than the minimum criteria but are not accepted will be put on a waiting list. Under no circumstances will those who do not meet the minimum criteria be admitted to this Program.
3. Applicants from countries having diplomatic relations with Taiwan enjoy priority admissions status. Self-sponsored applicants from countries having no diplomatic relations with Taiwan may be called on to fill admission vacancies.
4. Applicants with the same grade will be ranked according to the deliberate order. ISU's Admissions Committee will decide the ranking if they have received the same score for one single subject.

## **IX. Notification of Admission Application Results**

Admission application results will be released on <http://www.isu.edu.tw/medicine>.

## **X. Check-in Process**

Both accepted and waitlisted applicants must satisfy BOTH of the following requirements to complete the check-in process:

1. Once accepted, applicants from countries having diplomatic relations with

Taiwan must send a signed Terms of Agreement for MOFA Taiwan Scholarship Program and a signed agreement of returning to the home country after graduation to the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission to confirm the admission status.

- 2. Accepted applicants must complete the check-in process between June 1 and 10, 2019, while waitlisted applicants must complete the check-in process between June 11 and 18, 2019. Please print out and complete the Letter of Intent to Accept Admission provided by ISU, and then return the Letter by fax (+886-7-6155910 or +886-7-6577478) or via email ([smis@isu.edu.tw](mailto:smis@isu.edu.tw)) before the deadline mentioned above. Failure to complete the check-in process before the deadline will result in cancellation of admission (for an accepted applicant) or loss of the position on the waiting list (for a waitlisted applicant), and the vacancy will be filled by a waitlisted applicant who has completed the check-in process (in descending order).**

## **XI. Registration and Enrollment**

A full registration packet will be sent to accepted applicants together with a formal admission notification. Accepted applicants should follow the instructions to complete the necessary registration process. Failure to complete the registration process will result in denial of enrollment at ISU.

Accepted applicants must submit the following documents upon registration:

1. A photocopy of the passport;
2. Academic credentials: A diploma of bachelor's degree and an official transcript of all semesters, both verified by the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission **(a verified English translation must be provided if the said documents are in a language other than English)**; and
3. A health certificate (including positive measles and rubella antibodies, or certification of prophylactic vaccination) issued by a qualified hospital and verified by the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission. Accepted applicants should take a group physical examination for freshmen arranged by ISU.

## **XII. Tuition & Other Required Fees, Accommodation Fees, Scholarships, and Other Expenses**

The estimated amount of each item is subject to change depending on the actual situation. The actual amount of the tuition and other required fees for 2019 will be announced by the Office of Accounting.

1. The tuition & other required fees, accommodation fees, textbooks and living allowances will be covered by the scholarship granted by the TaiwanICDF (Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund).
2. Please visit <http://www.icdf.org.tw/ct.asp?xItem=12508&CtNode=30319&mp=2>



for more details about the TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarship Program. (Fees and expenses not covered by this Scholarship Program should be borne by scholarship recipients themselves.)

### 3. TaiwanICDF Scholarship

Only applicants from countries having diplomatic relations with Taiwan are eligible to apply for the TaiwanICDF Scholarship. Qualified applicants should apply for the scholarship to the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission. Please pay close attention to the application deadline, as late or incomplete applications will NOT be considered. Please apply online at <http://www.icdf.org.tw/TSP/CasePerson.aspx>, and then **print the application form out and send it to the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission.**

### 4. Other Expenses

Item	Approximate Cost	Description
Group Insurance Premiums	US\$120	For the first 6 months (the first semester) after enrolling at ISU (September to February of the next year). The premium is approximately US\$20 per month.
National Health Insurance (NHI) Premiums (paid every semester)	US\$150	Students pay a six-month premium starting from the second semester. The NHI premium is approximately US\$25 per month. Notes: 1. Foreign nationals who have had the ARC for six months and left Taiwan only once (for a period of less than 30 days) are eligible to join Taiwan's NHI program. 2. Starting from the second semester, students who are not eligible for the NHI program should take out the group insurance, and ISU will return the pre-paid fees after deducting the premiums. * The tuition and other required fees paid by students may include the said insurance premiums. ISU will collect six-

Item	Approximate Cost	Description
		month premiums and apply for the insurance on behalf of students. Please visit <a href="http://www.nhi.gov.tw/">http://www.nhi.gov.tw/</a> for more details about the NHI program.
Health Examination	US\$20	Only once
ARC Application Fee	US\$35 per year	ISU will help students apply for the ARC. (Applicants may need to pay approximately US\$12 for taking photos if the photo submitted is not accepted.)

#### 5. Other Miscellaneous Expenses after Being Admitted to ISU

Item	Approximate Cost
Personal seal used for opening a bank account	US\$2
Prepaid phone card	US\$20 each

6. Upon registration, newly-admitted students should submit the proof of health and personal injury insurance, valid for at least six months from the date of arrival in Taiwan (the proof issued by a foreign insurance company should be verified by the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission). After having stayed in Taiwan for six months, students should join the NHI program, valid during their studies in Taiwan. The Office of International and Cross-Strait Affairs will help students apply for the NHI program.

### XIII. Other Rules Concerning Studies

1. The School of Medicine for International Students will offer Chinese language courses (both required and optional courses) to enhance students' Chinese proficiency for the purpose of daily needs and learning; these courses also provide students with opportunities to learn the Taiwanese culture.
2. Please refer to Annex 3 for curriculum planning and implementation.
3. **This Program aims to cultivate international medical talents and address the issue of insufficient medical resources in students' home countries. In accordance with the current laws and regulations, students of this Program are required to return to their home countries after graduation; they are not**

allowed to take the medical licensing examination or to conduct medical practice in Taiwan.

#### XIV. Notes

1. This Program is NOT a master's degree program, and therefore, only a degree of Doctor of Medicine in English will be conferred upon students who have successfully completed all requirements for graduation.
2. All the courses offered by this Program are taught in English.
3. Only clinical clerkships are covered in the curriculum.
4. An applicant will be denied admission and/or registration, if he/she is not qualified for application, or if any deception, concealment, violation or forgery of certificates/documents submitted is found. Violators who have registered at ISU will be denied enrollment, and those who have graduated will have their diploma nullified and ISU will announce the cancellation of their status as a graduate from ISU. Violators may be referred to the judicial authorities depending on the severity of the violation.
5. Matters related to course registration, application for leave of absence, the handling of unexcused absence, or withdrawal from ISU are dealt with pursuant to ISU's Academic Rules.
6. **Under no circumstances will accepted applicants be granted a deferral of admission to the next academic year.**
7. As stipulated by the TaiwanICDF, all TaiwanICDF Scholarship recipients, after enrollment, are not allowed to transfer to another program/department of ISU or to another school during the prescribed duration of study.
8. ISU will appropriately handle applicants' personal information pursuant to the Personal Information Protection Act of the R.O.C. government, and applicants' personal information will be used only for the purpose of student recruitment (including announcements and student status) and statistical analysis.
9. Any matter not mentioned herein should be subject to the MOE Program of Assisting Countries with Diplomatic Relations in Cultivating Medical Talents, the applicable laws and regulations of the R.O.C. government, and the resolutions adopted by ISU's Admissions Committee.

**MOE Regulations Regarding International Students**  
**Undertaking Studies in Taiwan**

Amended on September 8, 2017

Article 1      These Regulations are formulated in accordance with the provisions of Article 25, Paragraph 3 of the University Act, Article 32, Paragraph 1 of the Junior College Act, Article 41, Paragraph 1 of the Senior High School Education Act, and Article 6, Paragraph 3 of the Primary and Junior High School Act.

Article 2      A person of foreign nationality who has never held Republic of China (“R.O.C.”) nationality and who does not have overseas Chinese student status at the time of their application is permitted to apply for admission to an educational institution, in accordance with these Regulations.

A person of foreign nationality who meets the following requirements and who in the immediate past has resided overseas continuously for at least six years is also permitted to apply for admission to an educational institution, in accordance with these Regulations. However, a person who plans to apply to study in a university department of medicine, dentistry, or Chinese medicine must have resided overseas continuously for at least eight years.

1.    A person who at the time of their application also holds dual R.O.C. nationality shall have never had household registration in Taiwan.
2.    A person who before the time of their application also held dual R.O.C. nationality but no longer does at the time of their application shall have renounced their R.O.C. nationality with the approval of the Ministry of the Interior on a date at least eight full years before making their application.
3.    The persons referred to in the preceding two subparagraphs must have never previously undertaken studies in Taiwan as an overseas Chinese student nor have accepted a placement by the University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students in the current academic year.

A foreign national who was selected by a foreign government, organization, or school to study in Taiwan in accordance with the Education Cooperation Framework Agreement, and who has never had household registration in Taiwan may be given exemption from the

restrictions set out in the preceding two paragraphs if the competent education administrative authority gives approval.

The periods of six years and eight years stipulated in Paragraph 2 shall be calculated using the starting date of the semester (February 1, or August 1) as the end date of the period.

The term “overseas” used in Paragraph 2 refers to countries or regions other than the Mainland Area, Hong Kong, and Macau; the term “reside overseas continuously” means that an international student has stayed in Taiwan for no more than a total of 120 days in each calendar year. When calculating the number of consecutive years spent overseas, if the initial or final year of the period is not a complete calendar year, any time spent in Taiwan in the initial or final year must not exceed 120 days. However, time that a person has spent in Taiwan is not subject to this restriction and it is not counted when calculating how long they were in Taiwan in a particular year if the person has documentary proof that they:

1. attended an overseas youth training course organized by the Overseas Compatriot Affairs Council or a technical professional training program accredited by the Ministry of Education;
2. spent a total period of less than two years undertaking Chinese language classes at a Chinese language center at a university or tertiary college which has Ministry of Education approval to recruit students overseas;
3. spent a total period of less than two years in Taiwan as an exchange student; or
4. spent a total period of less than two years undertaking an internship that they came to Taiwan to undertake with the approval of the designated central competent authority;

A person who held both foreign and R.O.C. nationalities and applied for annulment of their R.O.C. nationality before the date of effect of the February 1, 2011 amendment to these Regulations may apply for admission as an international student in accordance with the provisions in place before the amendment and is not subject to the restrictions set out in Paragraph 2.

Article 3 An applicant of foreign nationality, who is eligible for permanent residence in Hong Kong or Macao, who has never had household registration in Taiwan, and who at the time of their application has resided in Hong Kong, Macao, or elsewhere overseas continuously for

at least six years may apply for admission in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations. However, a person who plans to apply to study in a university department of medicine, dentistry, or Chinese medicine must have resided overseas continuously for at least eight years.

The term “resided [...] continuously” in the preceding paragraph means that a person did not spend more than a total of 120 days in Taiwan in each calendar year. However, this restriction does not apply if a person can present documentary proof that any of the circumstances listed in Paragraph 5, Subparagraphs 1 to 4 of the previous article apply. The time that they spent in Taiwan in the ways listed is not counted when calculating the period of continuous residence referred to in the previous paragraph.

A person who was formerly from the Mainland Area and who has foreign nationality and has never had household registration in Taiwan, and who at the time of their application has resided overseas continuously for at least six years may apply for admission to an educational institution, in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations. However, a person who plans to apply to study in a university department of medicine, dentistry, or Chinese medicine must have resided overseas continuously for at least eight years.

The term “resided [...] continuously” in the preceding paragraph means that a person did not spend more than a total of 120 days in Taiwan in each calendar year. However, this restriction does not apply if a person can present documentary proof that any of the circumstances listed in Paragraph 5, Subparagraphs 1 to 4 of the previous article apply. The time that they spent in Taiwan in the ways listed is not counted when calculating the period that they resided continuously overseas referred to in the previous paragraph.

The periods of six years and eight years stipulated in Paragraph 1 and in Paragraph 3 shall be calculated using the starting date of the semester (February 1, or August 1) as the end date of the period.

The definition of “overseas” given in Paragraph 5 of the previous article also applies, *mutatis mutandis*, to Paragraphs 1 to 4.

Article 4      An international student applying to study at an educational institution in Taiwan in accordance with the provisions of the two previous articles is limited to only applying once [English note: a person may apply to more than one educational institution, but if one of these applications is

successful and they then study in Taiwan, they cannot subsequently apply to study at another educational institution for a course at that level]. After completing the course of study at the educational institution to which they applied, unless the student is applying for admission to a program for a master's degree or a higher degree, which may be handled by each university in accordance with its regulations, if the students wants to continue studying in Taiwan, their application shall be handled in the same manner as the admission procedures for domestic students.

Article 5 In principle, the actual number of places available for international students to be admitted to universities and two-year programs at junior colleges (hereunder referred to as “universities and tertiary colleges”) is limited to an additional ten percent above the institution’s admission quota approved for that academic year by the Ministry of Education, and that number shall be incorporated into the total admission quota and reported to the Ministry of Education for approval. A university or junior college applying to recruit more than an additional ten percent shall submit a report of the planned increment (including associated quality control strategy and supportive measures) to the Ministry of Education for approval. Degree programs offered by collaborating domestic and foreign universities that have been approved on a case by case basis by the Ministry of Education are not subject to this restriction.

The actual number of international students that may be admitted to a five-year program at a junior college, or to a senior secondary school, junior high school, or an elementary school is limited up to an additional ten percent above the institution’s admission quota for that academic year that was approved by the competent education administrative authority, and that number shall be included in the total number of students admitted for that academic year and be reported to the competent education administrative authority for approval.

Universities and tertiary colleges may admit international students to take up places at their institution available to local students within the approved admission quota for that academic year which remain vacant.

The admission quotas referred to in Paragraph 1 and Paragraph 2 do not include international students who are not officially registered as a current student.

Article 6 A university or tertiary college that recruits and admits international students shall formulate its own admission regulations and make these public after they have been approved by the Ministry of Education, and

formulate a set of international student admission guidelines that outline details of the degree programs that admit international students, the length of time in which each program must be completed, admission quotas, admission eligibility requirements, reviewing and screening methods, and any other related regulations.

Article 7 International students applying for admission to a university or tertiary college shall submit the following documents and apply directly to the university or college during its designated application period, and applicants who pass the review or screening process will be issued an admission notice:

1. An enrollment application form
2. Academic credentials:
  - (1) Academic credentials from the Mainland Area: shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Academic Credentials for Mainland Area.
  - (2) Academic credentials from Hong Kong or Macao: shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations Governing the Examination and Recognition of Educational Qualifications from Hong Kong and Macao.
  - (3) Academic credentials from other areas:
    - A. Academic credentials issued by an Overseas Taiwan School or a school for Taiwan business people in the Mainland Area shall be regarded as equivalent to academic credentials issued by an educational institution of the same level in Taiwan.
    - B. Academic credentials from overseas other than those referred to the preceding two items shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations Governing the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic Records by Institutions of Higher Education. However, academic credentials issued by a campus or branch that a foreign educational institution has established in the Mainland Area by a foreign educational institution shall be notarized by a notary public there and authenticated by an agency established or designated by the



Executive Yuan, or by a private organization commissioned by the Executive Yuan.

3. Proof of applicant's having sufficient funds to live on while studying in Taiwan, or proof of having a full scholarship or grant provided by a government, university, college, or private organization.
4. Other documents required by the educational institution being applied to.

When an educational institution reviews an international student's admission application, if any of the documents specified in Subparagraphs 2 and 4 of the preceding paragraph have not been authenticated by an overseas mission, or by an agency established or designated by the Executive Yuan, or by a private organization commissioned by the Executive Yuan, and the educational institution has any doubts about them, it may request authentication by an overseas agency. If documents that have already been authenticated raise any doubts, the educational institution may request examination of the documents.

Article 7-1 An international student who submits any certificate or document as part of their application for admission to an educational institution that is found to be forged, fabricated, or that has been altered in some way shall have their enrollment eligibility revoked. If the student has already registered and begun classes, their registration as a current student shall be cancelled and they will not be awarded any certification whatsoever regarding their related academic undertakings. If any such circumstances are first discovered after a student has already graduated, the educational institution shall revoke the former student's eligibility to graduate and shall require any degree already awarded to be returned and shall rescind it.

Article 8 An international student who has completed a bachelor's degree or a higher degree in Taiwan and is applying to be admitted to do a master's degree program or a higher degree may submit copies of their graduation certificate from a university or tertiary college in Taiwan and transcripts for each year of their studies and apply in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 and is not subject to the provisions of Article 7, Paragraph 1, Item 2.

An international student who has graduated from a private elementary or secondary school for international residents in Taiwan, or from a

bilingual division (program) affiliated to a domestic senior secondary school, or from a program teaching a foreign curriculum that is offered by a division of a domestic private elementary school, junior high school or senior secondary school may submit copies of their graduation certificate and transcripts for each year and apply for admission in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 and is not subject to the provisions of Article 4, or of Article 7, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 2.

Article 9      A university or tertiary college that admits international students shall promptly register details of the following into the international student data management information system designated by the Ministry of Education: the international students admitted and registered, any transfer, deferral or abandonment of studies, and any change to or loss of student status.

Article 10     An international student is not permitted to apply to study any recurrent or continuing education bachelor's degree program or in-service master's degree program, or any other program which is only taught in the evening or during vacations, at a university or tertiary college in Taiwan. However, an international student who already has legitimate resident status or who is undertaking a program approved on a case by case basis by the Ministry of Education is not subject to this restriction.

Article 11     An international student who reports to register at a university or tertiary college, a five-year program at a junior college, or a senior secondary school, junior high school, or an elementary school before it is already one-third of the way into the first semester of the current academic year shall be registered for the first semester. If it is already more than one-third of the way into the first semester, the international student shall register for the second semester or the next academic year. However, this restriction does not apply if each competent education administrative authority has some provision that overrides it.

Article 12     An international student who with Ministry of Education approval is undertaking an internship after graduating from a university in Taiwan may have their international student status extended for up to one year after their graduation.

An international student who has been permitted to undertake initial household registration, resident registration, naturalization, or restoration of R.O.C. nationality procedures during the course of their

studies in Taiwan will forfeit their international student status and shall be dismissed by their educational institution.

An international student who is dismissed from a university or tertiary college after admission as a result of unsatisfactory conduct, or poor academic performance, or a conviction in criminal case proceedings is not permitted to re-apply for admission to an educational institution under these Regulations.

Each university or tertiary college shall formulate its own regulations regarding transfers of international students, incorporate these into its admission regulations, and submit these to the Ministry of Education for approval. However, an international student who has been dismissed by the educational institution that admitted the student as a result of unsatisfactory conduct or of a conviction in criminal case proceedings is not permitted to transfer to another university or tertiary college.

Article 13 A university or tertiary college may sign an education cooperation agreement with a foreign educational institution and recruit and admit international exchange students, provided that this does not affect normal teaching. A university or tertiary college may also apply, *mutatis mutandis*, its own international student admission regulations to accept suitable international students as non-degree students.

With approval from each competent education administrative authority, senior secondary schools, junior high schools, and elementary schools may recruit international students for short-term periods of study in Taiwan of one year or less.

Article 14 Educational institutions at all levels that establish programs exclusively for international students as part of an international academic cooperation program or to meet some other special need shall do so in accordance with the regulations governing overall scale of and resources for development of an educational institution at their level, and the competent education administrative authority will forward details of such programs for appraisal and approval by the Ministry of Education.

Article 15 In order to provide incentive awards for outstanding international students who are studying at universities and tertiary colleges in Taiwan, the Ministry of Education may set up international student scholarships or may subsidize universities and tertiary colleges to do so.

To encourage international students to come and study in Taiwan, universities and tertiary colleges may allocate funds to set up scholarships or financial study assistance to international students.

Article 16 Universities and tertiary colleges shall designate units or personnel to be responsible for handling international student admission applications, counselling, and liaison matters. These units or personnel shall also boost the arrangement of homestay accommodation for international students, and of assistance for them to learn Mandarin Chinese and about Taiwan culture in order to better enhance their understanding of Taiwan.

At different times each academic year, universities and tertiary colleges shall organize counselling activities for international students or accelerate campus internationalization, to help to foster exchanges and interactions between local students and international students.

Article 17 A five-year program at a junior college, or a senior secondary school, junior high school, or an elementary school that admits international students shall, apart from complying with the provisions of Article 20 when handling applications from international students who have legitimate resident status in Taiwan, prepare an international student recruitment plan and submit the plan to the competent education administrative authority for approval no later than November 30 each year, before recruitment may begin. The competent education administrative authorities at the municipality, county, and city levels shall submit their approved lists of the approved quotas for each educational institution in their jurisdiction to the Ministry of Education no later than December 31 each year for future reference.

The plan referred to in the preceding paragraph shall include the establishment of a dedicated unit responsible for international students, planning to increase Chinese language and culture courses, and measures for arranging accommodation for international students.

When necessary, the categories of countries and quotas for the admission of international students referred to in Paragraph 1 may be stipulated by the Ministry of Education in consultation with the Ministry of the Interior, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Article 18 Unless otherwise specified in Article 20, an international student applying for admission to a five-year program at a junior college, or a senior secondary school, junior high school, or an elementary school shall directly apply to the junior college or school during its designated

admission period and submit the following documents. If an applicant passes the review or screening process, the junior college or school will issue an admission notice.

1. An enrollment application form.
2. Academic credentials:
  - (1) Academic credentials from the Mainland Area: shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Academic Credentials for Mainland Area.
  - (2) Academic credentials from Hong Kong or Macao: shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations Governing the Examination and Recognition of Educational Qualifications from Hong Kong and Macao.
  - (3) Academic credentials from other areas:
    - A. Academic credentials issued by an Overseas Taiwan School or a school for Taiwan business people in the Mainland Area shall be regarded as equivalent to academic credentials issued by an educational institution of the same level in Taiwan.
    - B. Academic credentials from overseas other than those referred to the preceding two items shall be handled in accordance with the relevant provisions of the applicable Ministry of Education regulations governing the assessment and recognition of international students' academic credentials and records. Academic credentials issued by a campus or branch of a foreign educational institution which it has established in the Mainland Area shall be notarized by a notary public office there and authenticated by an authority established or designated by the Executive Yuan, or by a private organization commissioned by the Executive Yuan.
3. Proof of applicant's having sufficient funds to live on while studying in Taiwan.
4. Documentary evidence of the eligibility of a guardian in Taiwan.

5. A power of attorney from the student's parents or other legal representative, which has been authenticated by an overseas mission, appointing the guardian in Taiwan.
6. A letter of agreement from the guardian in Taiwan which has been notarized by a notary public in Taiwan.
7. Any other documents required by the school, college, or university.

The academic credentials stipulated in Subparagraph 2 of the preceding paragraph are not required to be submitted for an application to be admitted for the first semester of the first grade of elementary school.

Adult international students are not required to submit the documents stipulated in Paragraph 1, Subparagraphs 4 to 6.

When a junior college, or school is reviewing an international student's admission application, if any of the documents specified in Paragraph 1, Subparagraphs 2, 3, and 7 have not been authenticated by an overseas mission, or by an agency established or designated by the Executive Yuan, or by a private organization commissioned by the Executive Yuan, and the junior college or school has any doubts about them, it may request authentication by an overseas agency. If documents that have already been authenticated raise any doubts, the junior college or school may request examination of the documents.

Article 19 The guardian in Taiwan referred to in the preceding article shall be an R.O.C. citizen who has household registration in Taiwan and shall submit a Police Criminal Record Certificate, and an income tax inventory for the most recent year checked and issued by a taxation organization itemizing personal taxable income from all sources of at least TWD 900,000.

A person who satisfies the requirements prescribed in the preceding paragraph may serve as the guardian in Taiwan of only one international student. However, a school principal, or the chair of the board of directors of an incorporated school or a board member may act as the guardian in Taiwan of up to five international students.

Article 20 An international student who has legitimate resident status in Taiwan and is applying to study a five-year program at a junior college, or at a senior secondary school, junior high school, or an elementary school shall submit the following documents and apply directly to the junior college or school, and report to register there if their application is approved:

1. An enrollment application form;
2. A photocopy of a legitimate resident permit;
3. Academic credentials:
  - (1) Academic credentials from the Mainland Area: shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Academic Credentials for Mainland Area.
  - (2) Academic credentials from Hong Kong or Macao: shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations Governing the Examination and Recognition of Educational Qualifications from Hong Kong and Macao.
  - (3) Academic credentials from other areas:
    - A. Academic credentials issued by an Overseas Taiwan School or a school for Taiwan business people in the Mainland Area shall be regarded as equivalent to academic credentials issued by an educational institution of the same level in Taiwan.
    - B. Academic credentials from overseas other than those referred to the preceding two items shall be handled in accordance with the relevant provisions of the applicable Ministry of Education regulations governing the assessment and recognition of international students' academic credentials and records. Academic credentials issued by a campus or branch of a foreign educational institution which it has established in the Mainland Area shall be notarized by a notary public office there and authenticated by an authority established or designated by the Executive Yuan, or by a private organization commissioned by the Executive Yuan.

The academic credentials stipulated in Subparagraph 3 of the preceding paragraph are not required for an application for admission to the first semester of first grade at an elementary school.

When a junior college, or school is reviewing an international student's admission application, if any of the documents specified in Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 3 have not been authenticated by an overseas mission, or by an agency established or designated by the Executive Yuan, or by a

private organization commissioned by the Executive Yuan, and the junior college or school has any doubts about them, it may request authentication by an overseas agency. If documents that have already been authenticated raise any doubts, the junior college or school may request examination of the documents.

After the admission of the international students referred to in Paragraph 1, a senior secondary school, junior high school, or an elementary school shall submit a list of their details to the competent education administrative authority for future reference.

If a senior secondary school, junior high school, or an elementary school cannot admit the international student referred to in Paragraph 1 applying to study there because the school has already filled its admission quota, the student may apply to the competent education administrative authority for a transfer to be admitted to a school that has a vacancy.

A senior secondary school, junior high school, or an elementary school may assign the international student referred to in Paragraph 1 applying to study there to an appropriate grade level or give them a “provisional” admission status, based on their results during the screening process. This “provisional” status is valid for up to one year, and their student registration shall be confirmed if they pass the examinations.

Article 20-1 If a chaotic war situation, major disaster, or major epidemic occurs in the country of an international student, and educational institutions in the region become unable to operate normally as a result, that student’s admission to senior secondary school or junior college may be given special consideration on a case by case basis, if details of those circumstances have been assessed and submitted by an R.O.C. overseas mission or by the embassy, consular office or authorized representative office of the student’s country in Taiwan, and then confirmed by the Ministry of Education in conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the National Immigration Agency of the Ministry of the Interior.

In principle, the additional student admission quota referred to in the previous paragraph for students given special consideration on a case by case basis shall be one percent of the total student recruitment quota approved for that school or junior college.

Article 21 The tuition related fees that international students in Taiwan shall pay are determined as stipulated below:



1. Students who have been admitted to study in Taiwan in accordance with the provisions of the previous two articles, or who have received a MOFA Taiwan Scholarship following recommendation by an overseas mission, or who have the status of permanent residents in Taiwan shall pay tuition and other fees in accordance with the standard fees that their educational institution applies to domestic students.
2. Students admitted to an educational institution in Taiwan in accordance with an education cooperation agreement shall pay their tuition and other fees as specified in the agreement.
3. If an international student is not covered by the provisions of either of the preceding two subparagraphs, an educational institution may charge the student based on the standard tuition and other fees for international students that it has determined, and these are not permitted to be lower than the fees levied by other private educational institutions at the same level.

A student who was admitted to an educational institution in Taiwan before the date of effect of the February 1, 2011 amendment to these Regulations shall pay tuition and other for this stage of education fees in accordance with the pre-amendment provisions.

Article 22 When a new international student registers, they shall submit proof of being covered by a medical and injury insurance policy which is valid for at least six months from the date that they entered Taiwan. Current students shall present documentary proof that they have joined Taiwan's National Health Insurance Plan.

If the proof of insurance referred to in the previous paragraph was issued in a foreign country it shall be authenticated by an overseas mission.

Article 23 If an investigation verifies that an international student has violated the provisions of the Employment Services Act, their educational institution, or the appropriate competent authority shall immediately handle the matter in accordance with the regulations.

Article 24 If an international student defers or abandons their studies, or if there is any change to or loss of their student status, their educational institution shall notify the Bureau of Consular Affairs of the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs, the service center(s) of the National Immigration Agency of the

Ministry of the Interior where their educational institution is located, and send copies of these notifications to the Ministry of Education.

Article 25 If it is considered necessary, the competent education administration authority may visit educational institutions that admit international students. Any institution found in violation of the provisions of these Regulations shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the applicable laws and regulations.

If an educational institution is not acting in accordance with the provisions of Article 23, depending on the circumstances, the appropriate competent education administration authority may also adjust the international student enrollment quotas for that educational institution.

Article 26 The provisions of Article 7, Paragraph 4, Subparagraphs 1, 3, and 4, and of Articles 9, 15, 16, 22, and 24 also apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the application procedures, scholarships and subsidies, supervision and guidance, absences from one quarter or more of the total scheduled class hours of a semester, and the reporting of changes to or loss of student status for international students who come to Taiwan to study Mandarin at a Chinese Language Centers affiliated with a university or tertiary college in Taiwan.

Article 27 The format of the forms referred to in Article 7, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 1; in Article 18, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 1; and in Article 20, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 1 shall be determined by each educational institution. The format of the forms referred to in Article 18, Paragraph 1, Subparagraphs 5 and 6 shall be prescribed by the Ministry of Education.

Article 28 These Regulations shall take effect on August 1, 2012.

The amendments to these Regulations shall take effect on the date of promulgation, with the exception of the amendments promulgated on December 24, 2012 which shall take effect on January 1, 2013, and the amendments promulgated on August 23, 2013 which shall take effect on September 1, 2013.

**Regulations Governing the Assessment and Recognition of  
Foreign Academic Records by Institutions of Higher Education**

Amended on August 5, 2014

- Article 1 These Regulations have been formulated in accordance with Article 28, Paragraph 2 of the University Act.
- Article 2 Institutions of higher education shall undertake the assessment and recognition of foreign academic records of students applying for admission, in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.
- Article 3 Terms used in these Regulations are defined as follows:
1. Assessment and recognition: refers to the determination by the institution of higher education handling an application whether the foreign academic credentials and documentary records submitted by an applicant are equivalent to those issued by an educational institution in Taiwan of an equivalent academic level and nature.
  2. Reference list: refers to the list of the names and addresses of foreign tertiary level institutions of higher education recognized by the Ministry of Education, put together and made public by the Ministry of Education.
  3. Authentication: refers to an applicant submitting documents such as a degree or transcripts from a foreign educational institution to an ROC embassy, consulate, representative office, or office, or other agency authorized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (hereunder referred to as “an overseas mission”) and applying to have the documents certified as authentic.
  4. Verification: refers to an institution of higher education checking the nature of the approval that a foreign educational institution has actually been given by the government authority responsible for such educational institutions or by the professional accreditation agency for education in the country where it is located, and its admission requirements, the restrictions on the period spent undertaking a program, and the courses that must be completed.
- Article 4 Only foreign academic records that satisfy each of the following provisions may be assessed for recognition:

1. The educational institution from which the applicant graduated or where they have been studying but have not yet graduated shall already be listed in the reference list. An educational institution not in the reference list shall have been accredited by the government authority responsible for such educational institutions or by the professional accreditation agency for education in the country where it is located.
2. The restrictions on the period spent undertaking a program, and the courses that must be completed shall be comparable to those prescribed for a comparable program at an educational institution in Taiwan of an equivalent academic level and nature.

Article 5 An applicant applying for assessment and recognition of their foreign academic credentials shall personally submit the following documents to each institution of higher education that they are applying to for admission:

1. A photocopy of their foreign academic credentials and of transcripts for each year of their studies.
2. A record of the applicant's cross-border entries and exits, issued by the competent entry and exit authority, that covers the full period of their studies for their foreign academic credential. However, an applicant who is a foreign citizen or an overseas Chinese is not required to include this.
3. Other relevant documents specified by the institution of higher education.

The institution of higher education handling the application may deal with the documents referred to in Subparagraph 1 of the preceding paragraph by requesting the foreign educational institution from which the applicant graduated to verify the documents, by writing to an ROC overseas mission and requesting its assistance to undertake verification, or by asking the applicant to arrange to have the documents authenticated. The applicant referred to in Article 6, Paragraph 8 and Paragraph 9 may submit documentary evidence issued by the government authority responsible for such educational institutions or by the accreditation agency for education in the country where the foreign educational institution is located, in place of the record referred to in Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 2.

Article 6 The “restrictions on the period spent undertaking a program” in Article 4, Subparagraph 2 refers to the period that the applicant spent undertaking a program at a foreign educational institution and the following provisions apply:

1. An applicant who has senior secondary school academic credential shall have spent a total period undertaking the senior secondary program that satisfies the regulations of the education system in the country where the school they attended is located.
2. An applicant who has a bachelor’s degree shall have spent a total period of at least 32 full months undertaking the bachelor’s degree program.
3. An applicant who has a master’s degree shall have spent a total period of at least eight full months undertaking the master’s degree program.
4. An applicant who has a doctorate shall have spent a total period of at least 16 full months undertaking the doctorate program.
5. An applicant who concurrently completed the programs for and obtained both a master’s degree and a doctorate at the same university (graduate institute) shall have spent a total period of at least 24 full months undertaking the master’s degree and doctorate programs.
6. An applicant who has an academic credential after graduating from a junior college or who has an associate’s degree and academic ability equivalent to having graduated from a junior college shall have spent a total period of at least 16 full months undertaking the associated program.

With regard to the restrictions on the period spent undertaking a program referred to in the preceding paragraph, each institution of higher education shall compare the domestic and foreign education systems at that level and make an overall determination taking into account the education system in the country where the applicant obtained the foreign academic credential, the administrative calendar of the educational institution during the period the applicant was undertaking the program, and the applicant’s cross-border entry and exit record. If a period that the applicant spent in that foreign locality is not consistent with the regular length of a program at that educational institution or the program schedule indicated on its administrative calendar, that period will not be counted.

If an applicant had an outstanding performance during their study for a bachelor's degree, the educational institution to which they are applying may make a discretionary reduction to the required period spent undertaking their bachelor's degree program, taking into due consideration the regulations governing the length of programs at institutions of higher education in that particular foreign country, and the specific circumstances.

If a person is categorized as having a physical or mental disability as defined in the Special Education Act, the educational institution to which they are applying may make a discretionary reduction to the required time which they spent undertaking their program, taking into due consideration the length of programs at institutions of higher education in that particular foreign country, the extent of their physical and/or mental disability, and other specific circumstances.

If an applicant undertook a degree program that can be taken concurrently at the same level at a domestic institution of higher education and a foreign one under an international academic collaboration program, the applicant is not permitted to have completed the program entirely at the domestic institution. The total time the applicant spent undertaking the degree program at each of the institutions of higher education may be combined; it shall be subject to the following provisions, and the provisions of Paragraph 1 are not applicable:

1. An applicant who has a bachelor's degree shall have spent a total period of at least 32 full months undertaking the bachelor's degree program.
2. An applicant who has a master's degree shall have spent a total period of at least 12 full months undertaking the master's degree program.
3. An applicant who has a doctorate shall have spent a total period of at least 24 full months undertaking the doctorate program.

The course credits earned by an applicant studying at the domestic institution of higher education and those earned at the foreign institution of higher education referred to in the preceding paragraph shall in each case be at least one-third of the total number of course credits required by each of the institutions for the conferral of such a degree.

If the period that the applicant spent undertaking their program is at least two-thirds of the requirement stipulated in Paragraph 1 or in Paragraph 5,

the institution of higher education may assess their foreign academic credential for recognition, after first making an overall determination of whether the applicant's educational level is equivalent to that required for admission to an institution of higher education, taking into account the education system in the country where the applicant obtained their foreign credential, the administrative calendar of the educational institution during the period the applicant was undertaking the program, the applicant's cross-border entry and exit record, and the length of programs at a domestic educational institution of an equivalent academic level and nature.

If an applicant for admission to a university has been awarded a foreign academic credential that, in accordance with the regulations of the foreign university, required courses to be undertaken abroad (including in the Mainland Area, Hong, Kong, and Macao, but not including Taiwan), the period that the applicant spent undertaking courses abroad may be included when calculating whether they satisfy the requirement stipulated in Paragraph 1 if the applicant has submitted documentary evidence from the foreign university and the domestic university has undertaken verification and given approval. In addition, any educational institution(s) at which the courses abroad were undertaken shall satisfy the provisions of Article 4, the provisions of the Regulations Governing the Assessment and Recognition of Educational Qualifications from the Mainland Area, or the provisions of the Regulations Governing the Examination and Recognition of Educational Qualifications from Hong Kong and Macao. If an applicant being admitted has an academic credential obtained after undertaking a professional degree program offered by a collaborating domestic university and a foreign university that was approved by the Ministry of Education on a case by case basis, when calculating whether they satisfy the requirements stipulated in Paragraph 1 and in Paragraph 5, the period that they spent undertaking courses at the domestic university may also be included.

Article 7 With regard to the courses that must be completed referred to in Article 4, Subparagraph 2, if the academic credential conferred by a foreign educational institution is obtained by completing courses in distance learning mode, the course credits earned shall have been taken at an educational institution that satisfies the provisions of Article 4, Subparagraph 1 or with a domestic university under an international academic collaboration program. The number of credits shall also satisfy the regulations governing domestic distance education.

Article 8 Each university shall follow the procedure set out below when undertaking the assessment and recognition of all foreign academic credentials except arts related diplomas. Arts related diplomas shall first be verified in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations and then be assessed and recognized:

1. The assessment and recognition of academic records issued by a foreign senior secondary school, or of academic credentials issued by a foreign educational institution on the reference list, shall be carried out by the university in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.
2. Academic credentials issued by a foreign educational institution that is not on the reference list shall first be verified by the university in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations and then be assessed and recognized.

If any doubt arises during the assessment and recognition referred to in the previous paragraph, the university shall organize an academic credential assessment and recognition review panel to undertake the assessment and recognition. The university shall stipulate the regulations governing the organization and operations of the panel.

If the university's review panel referred to in the previous paragraph is still unable to undertake the assessment and recognition, the university may submit an explanation of the matter raising doubt to the Ministry of Education, together with related documentary evidence, and request its assistance.

Article 9 When undertaking verification of foreign academic credentials, each university shall require the applicant to submit a letter of consent authorizing it to undertake verification, and related documents.

The university may ask the foreign educational institution from which an applicant graduated to verify the following matters regarding the applicant's foreign academic credential(s), or send a written request to an overseas mission for assistance to do so:

1. Admission requirements;
2. The restrictions on the period spent undertaking a program;
3. The courses that must be completed;
4. The nature of the approval given to the educational institution by the government authority responsible for such educational institutions or



by the professional accreditation agency for education in the country where it is located;

5. Any other matters that require verification.

Article 10 The following academic credentials awarded in a foreign country are not eligible for assessment and recognition:

1. An academic credential obtained by completing a program in correspondence mode.
2. Certificates awarded after undertaking attendance at any kind of training courses, seminars, or workshop.
3. Having obtained candidate status for a doctorate without having been awarded the doctorate. A person with this status may apply for assessment and recognition as having the equivalent of a master's degree.
4. A doctorate conferred only on the basis of having completed a dissertation, without having registered, been admitted, and undertaking any courses.
5. Honorary degrees.
6. An academic credential awarded for a program undertaken in a non-Chinese speaking country or region, with Chinese as the language of instruction. This, however, does not include any senior secondary academic credential.
7. An academic credential obtained from a foreign educational institution that has established a branch or a division and professional degree programs in Taiwan that do not have Ministry of Education approval, or obtained from an institution commissioned to recruit students and teach courses in Taiwan in the name of a foreign educational institution without Ministry of Education approval.
8. Any academic credential obtained in distance learning mode which does not satisfy the provisions of Article 7.

Article 11 If any documents provided by an applicant are found to not be genuine by being forged or altered in any way, or by presenting another person's details as the applicant's own, after this has been investigated and confirmed, the assessment and recognition of the applicant's academic credential(s) shall be revoked. A student who has already been admitted

will have their permission to enroll as a student revoked. If a student has already registered and begun classes, their registration as a current student shall be cancelled and they will not be awarded any documentary certification whatsoever regarding their related academic undertakings. If any such circumstances are first discovered after a student has already graduated, the educational institution shall revoke the former student's eligibility to graduate and shall request the applicant to return any degree already awarded and shall rescind it. If any such circumstances involve any criminal liability, the matter shall be referred to a prosecutorial authority to handle in accordance with the law.

Article 12 The competent authority of any domestic employment or examination agency which assesses and recognizes foreign academic credentials may consult the provisions of these Regulations for reference.

Article 13 These Regulations shall come into effect on the date of promulgation.

## **Curriculum Planning and Implementation**

### I. Medical Education

The curriculum design is characterized by the following features:

1. Setting clear and achievable educational objectives, with which the curriculum is developed, diverse pedagogical approaches are employed, student performance is measured, and improvements are made. During clerkship rotations, students will receive training in clinical skills, learn through simulation education and standardized patients, and take tests with standardized patients.
2. Training students to be general practitioners. Graduates are expected to possess basic medical skills and be able to provide medical services in remote communities and to specific groups. Students will be trained to take good care of patients, acquire medical knowledge, cultivate medical professionalism, constantly improve themselves, adapt themselves to different medical environments, and have good communication and interpersonal skills.
3. Evaluating courses regularly and making improvements based on the evaluation results. Course quality indicators are: the feedback from both the faculty and students, students' test results, and the results of the evaluations carried out by external evaluation organizations.

The curriculum is divided into two parts: integrated clinical cornerstone courses and clerkships, and English is the only language of instruction. The humanities in medicine are also incorporated into the four-year medical education. The first half of the four-year program (i.e. the freshman and sophomore years) focuses on block-based teaching of organ systems, offering a total of 16 modular courses. Each of the modular courses integrates different subjects in the field of basic medical sciences/clinical medicine, with an eye to helping students learn step by step systematically. Compared with traditional medical education, the number of total teaching hours can be reduced by approximately 30 percent by adopting the new integrated curriculum, and students are, therefore, strongly encouraged to learn autonomously in their spare time. In addition, diverse teaching methods are used. For example, problem-based learning (PBL) or team-based learning (TBL) may be part of a modular course to help students digest what they have learned from each block and to train them to think actively and communicate well. Students will start their second half of the four-year program (i.e. the clerkships in junior and senior years) after having completed the 16 modular courses.

Clerkship Planning:

1. During the clerkship period, students are required to rotate through different medical specialties, including internal medicine, surgery, pediatrics, obstetrics

& gynecology, family/community medicine, emergency medicine, orthopedic surgery, plastic surgery, and psychiatry. Senior students may take clinical electives to emphasize certain interests.

2. Students will take clerkships at E-Da Hospital. E-Da Hospital has drawn up regulations concerning the clerkships taken by medical students, and its departments have also made plans for clinical clerkships. Students of this Program will take clerkships in accordance with the applicable regulations and plans.
3. Orientation course: the orientation training for students before working at the hospital:
  - (1) Getting familiar with the work environment, hospital regulations & rules, welfare measures, and hospital administration systems; and
  - (2) Understanding and following infection control and occupational safety guidelines (including needlestick prevention and fire protection).
  - (3) The orientation for each department will be held when students rotate to the department.
4. When rotating to the Department of Internal Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics & Gynecology, and Pediatrics, students will attend outpatient clinics, and learn holistic healthcare skills by working on the ward. They will also be assigned to the Emergency Room where they can learn how to identify emergency situations and keep medical conditions under control.
5. The clerkship plan made by each department shows clear learning objectives and contains effective teaching strategies and evaluation methods.
6. Continuous efforts in improving one's medical knowledge are indispensable for medical services. Therefore, two electives, *Medical Writing* and *Special Research Topics in Clinical Medicine*, are offered in the junior and senior years, respectively, among others.

## II. Chinese Language Learning

Chinese language courses are offered to help international students know more about this island and get used to living in Taiwan. As students may come from different countries and cultures and therefore have different first languages, ISU will actively assist them in increasing the proficiency in Chinese, with an eye to helping them get acclimatized to studying and living in Taiwan. ISU introduces the following measures:

1. International students are required to take *Practical Chinese (I), (II), (III), (IV), (V), and (VI)* in the freshman, sophomore, and junior years (a total of six semesters). The intensive language training aims to expose these students to the Chinese language environment to a maximum extent, so that they can get acclimatized to studying and living here in a short period of time, take this

opportunity to experience the Taiwanese culture, and have a great affection for Taiwan.

2. Although English is the only language of instruction during the clerkship period, not all patients speak English. To lower the language barriers between students and patients, *Medical Communication Practice in Chinese* is offered every semester of the sophomore and junior years to improve their Chinese language skills. In addition, students taking clerkships will be provided with one tablet computer each to download free translation software to facilitate their interaction with patients.

- Curriculum Design: <http://www.isu.edu.tw/site/326e/4>